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In re Application of Atty. Docket

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Title: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT WITH OUTPUT DRIVERS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (amended) An integrated circuit as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the resistance (11) is provided in the Vssq pad.

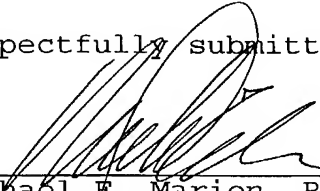
REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claim was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claim was not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore

reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

4. (amended) An integrated circuit as claimed in ~~one of the~~
~~claims 1 to 3~~claim 1, characterized in that the resistance (11) is
provided in the Vssq pad.